

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: June 22, 2017, 1:00 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE

MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Avery, Mayor Chris Beutler, Roy Christensen, Ryan Huff and Jane Raybould; (Todd Wiltgen absent). David Cary, Paul Barnes, Mike Brienzo and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Dept.; Pam Dingman, County Engineer; Miki Esposito and Randy Hoskins of Public Works & Utilities.

Chair Roy Christensen called the meeting to order and acknowledged the posting of the Open Meetings Act in the room.

Christensen then called for a motion for approval of the minutes of January 27, 2017. Motion for approval made by Huff, seconded by Avery and carried 4-0: Avery, Mayor Beutler, Christensen and Huff voting 'yes'; Raybould absent at time of vote; Wiltgen absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON REVISIONS TO THE FY 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP); A) NEBRASKA HIGHWAY S-55A, DENTON SPUR (S-55A) FROM US-6 TO DENTON, REVISE PROJECT FUNDING TO INCLUDE FEDERAL STP-FLEXIBLE FUNDS AS PART OF PROJECT FUNDING and B) FTA-SECTION 5310/5311 PROGRAM, ADD THE FTA SECTION 5310 PROGRAM FUNDING ALLOCATION AND PROGRAM OF PROJECTS TO ASSIST PRIVATE NONPROFIT GROUPS IN MEETING THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

Mike Brienzo stated that regarding the Nebraska Highway Spur 55-A, the State wants to add Federal funds. This will be included in the State TIP. It was originally programmed with all Nebraska funds.

The FTA Section 5310 program funding is to assist private nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities. These are Federal transit funds. In 2013, we designated the State as the designated recipient. They had a call for applications. They assign funds to the selected projects. This year, there were three agencies and five projects. \$1,400.00 will be carried over to next fiscal year. These are Federal fiscal years that run from October 1 through September 30. We have been working with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on how to best manage these projects. These can be added to the TIP with the approval of the Technical Committee Tri-Chairs. If there is a concern by any one chair, it can be brought before the Officials Committee.

ACTION:

Avery moved approval of the proposed revisions to the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program, seconded by Huff and carried 4-0: Avery, Mayor Beutler, Christensen and Huff voting 'yes'; Raybould absent at time of vote; Wiltgen absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE MPO'S PROPOSED FY 2017-2017 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM:

Brienzo stated that these are funds that have to be used for planning, data collection, etc. and not for construction. The Federal funding was \$416,092.00. A table provided shows how these funds will be used throughout the year. Funding is allocated in an 80/20 split. The City and County share is \$104,023.00.

Avery wondered if there was any trouble getting reimbursement from the Federal government. Brienzo replied no.

Brienzo continued there are key elements that we are required to do with these funds. We are required to address the ten factors. That is part of our normal planning process. These are incorporated into our Certification Review. We have a Congestion Management process. We have just gone through an update of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). A lot of work has been done with Green Light Lincoln. Another key element is air quality conformity. We have been in conformity for a number of years. Another big element is the Performance Management. We have been mandated to move into a Performance Based Planning and Program mode. The performance space was a significant feature in the LRTP update.

Raybould is surprised there aren't cost efficiencies in the report. Brienzo responded that is a goal in the LRTP, not a performance measure.

Brienzo provided a report that highlights the areas of emphasis that staff focused on this fiscal year. We just went through a certification with the Federal Transit Administration. We don't have a final report yet, but indications are that now the LRTP update process is done, we need to look at the process, policy documents, committees and best usage of time. Another item is the City taking on a study for a strategy to implement new transportation projects. This will be a fast moving study. The Planning Dept. is taking on an On-Site Facilities Bicycle Study. We are working on performance measures that fit into the State safety program. There are other performance measures on the horizon. We will work with the State. A Transportation Asset Management Plan is due in a year or so. The MPO covers the entire county. There is also a Transit Asset Management Plan. The final item we are focused on this year is the Goods and Freight Planning Project. That is moving along.

This resolution approves the Unified Planning Work Program and also designates the Mayor as executive officer of the MPO and signatory for the MPO.

Cary added that the numbers shown for the total number of Federal funds, those are plugged into our City County budget process. Those numbers are used when we determine the 20 percent from the County. The City budget process uses those numbers too.

Brienzo added that the City runs the planning process and we submit a claim to the State for reimbursement.

ACTION:

Raybould moved approval of the FY 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program, seconded by Avery and carried 5-0: Avery, Mayor Beutler, Christensen, Huff and Raybould voting 'yes'; Wiltgen absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON REVISIONS TO THE LINCOLN MPO 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – 2016 UPDATE:

Brienzo presented new information for the LRTP. Staff has been working on the South Beltway project for some time. The purpose of this amendment is to accommodate the new cost estimates for the project. This keeps the LRTP current and transparent. It also allows us to program the project. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is also the document that the FTA reviews. They look for consistency between the TIP and the LRTP. Cost estimates for the South Beltway showed the numbers were inconsistent. Miki Esposito worked closely with the Nebraska Dept. of Roads. This has gone through several work sessions and committees. We have come to a conclusion how to accommodate the increased cost. There is a State funding package coming forward. The local share has a cap on it based on negotiations. It is up to the City to come up with the funds to meet that cap. The Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) increased their commitment. In principal, the agreement says the City will come up with \$16.4 million by September 30, 2017, with the remainder next fiscal year. This will amend the current TIP and the proposed TIP that begins on October 1, 2017.

Cary stated that we are asking for action on the LRTP amendment as well as the TIP changes that go along with the South Beltway. Brienzo noted that we worked with Chris Connolly from the City Attorney's office on the resolutions.

ACTION:

Raybould moved approval of the proposed revisions to the Lincoln MPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan – 2016 Update, seconded by Avery and carried 5-0: Avery, Mayor Beutler, Christensen, Huff and Raybould voting 'yes'; Wiltgen absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE MPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING 2017 SELF-CERTIFICATION REVIEW THAT THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE LINCOLN METROPOLITAN AREA COMPLIES WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

Brienzo stated this is a report that is put together on an annual basis. We work with the State, Public Works and Health Dept. to address the key regulatory issues. We address the key issues that are outlined and the regulations. These are continuous and ongoing transportation processes. We have a good plan in process. We look at clean air and the Health Dept. continues to monitor. We also have a number of items we address in terms of regulation such as the Public Participation Plan and the Environmental Action Plan. We work with our Title 6 people to make sure the Americans with Disabilities Act is being addressed. There is a certification statement that is placed in the TIP. The State has concurred with this and already signed it.

Raybould inquired about the diversity of transportation options. Brienzo replied that the State has become more supportive of alternative modes of transportation. Ryan Huff is heading the new inter-modal transportation program. Cary believes the fact that the State has partnered with the City of Lincoln with regard to Bike Share is more than a measure of willingness to look at other modes of transportation. Brienzo added that the State also supports trails projects.

ACTION:

Raybould moved approval of the 2017 Self-Certification review that the transportation planning process for the Lincoln Metropolitan Area complied with applicable Federal laws and regulations, seconded by Huff and carried 5-0: Avery, Mayor Beutler, Christensen, Huff and Raybould voting 'yes'; Wiltgen absent.

REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE RECOMMENDED DRAFT 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

Brienzo stated that the TIP is the funding programming document for our projects. This moves a project into a funding mode. It is required for any project that uses Federal funds. We have identified local funds, as well as Federal funds. This is all summarized at the end. There are other projects that the County programs into their County program that aren't listed here. These are projects that are supported with Federal funds that are regionally significant enough to require review. The State section was initially placed in the TIP in 2007. The amendment just passed will be included in this proposed TIP.

ACTION:

Raybould moved approval of the 2018-2021 TIP, seconded by Avery and carried 5-0: Avery, Mayor Beutler, Christensen, Huff and Raybould voting 'yes'; Wiltgen absent.

OTHER:

Raybould expressed her thanks to the State of Nebraska for assisting the City of Lincoln with the South Beltway project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.